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SUBJECT: COUNTRY TEAM COMENTS ON LATEST CASP CONSOLIDATED CHANGE
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1. EMBASSY RECEIVED NEW CONSOLIDATED CHANGE SHEET TO GUYANA
DRAFT CASP IN UNCLASSIFIED POUCH AFTERNOON JUNE 2. THIS SHEET
CONTAINS SOME OF SAME CHANGES PROPOSED IN EARLIER CONSOLIDATED
CHANGE SHEET COMMENTED ON BY REFTEL, AS WELL AS SEVERAL NEW ONES.
EMBASSY HAD ASSUMED THAT PRE-IG PREPARED THESE CHANGE SHEETS,
WAS UNAWARE OF A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF THE PRE-IG AND, THERE-
FORE, DOES NOT UNDERSTAND GENESIS OF NEW CHANGE SHEET. GENERALLY,
COUNTRY TEAM (CT) PREFERS FIRST TRY OVER THE SECOND.

2. CT STRONGLY OBJECTS TO PROPOSED SWITCH OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA FROM FOURTH TO FIRST INTEREST CATEGORY.
ASIDE FROM BELIEF BY SOME CT MEMBERS THAT US INTEREST IN ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY CAN ONLY BE DERIVATORY
FROM HARDER INTERESTS OF US ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, WORLD ORDER,
US NATIONAL DEFENSE, ETC, CT FEELS IT IS PARTICULARLY INAPPROPRIATE
FOR GUYANA AS FIRST-RANKING US INTEREST. GUYANA'S SMALL POPULATION,
MINIMAL ROLE IN WORLD OR EVEN REGIONAL ECONOMY, SATISFACTORY BUT

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UNSPECTACULAR RATE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND AUTHORITARIAN

SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT MODEL COMBINE TO MAKE ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIVELY LITTLE IMPORTANCE TO US. ON OTHER HAND, FACTS THAT GUYANA IS ALMOST SOLE SOURCE OF CALCINED BAUXITE AND A SIGNIFICANT SOURCE OF SUGAR, AND THAT US SUPPLIES MAIN SHARE OF GUYANA'S IMPORTS GIVE US ECONOMIC PROSPERITY RELATIVE PRIORITY AMONG OUR INTERESTS HERE. SIMILARLY, GUYANA'S LEADING ROLE OUT OF PROPORTION TO HER SIZE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, HER SEAT ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND ON NAM BUREAU, HER OFTEN RADICAL CONFRONTATION STANCE TOWARD US AND WEST, AND HER POTENTIAL FOR LEADING MORE MODERATE CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN STATES TOWARD CONFRONTATION SEEM TO US TO WARRANT RANKING WORLD ORDER AMONG OUR TOP TWO INTERESTS IN GUYANA. IG SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT NEW DRAFT CHANGE SHEET'S PROPOSED REORDERING OF INTEREST PRIORITIES WOULD CONFLICT WITH SUMMARY AND SOME OTHER PORTIONS OF CASP.

3. CT HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM WITH NEW CHANGE SHEET'S COMPLETE REWRITE OF FAVORABLE DISPOSITION OF GUYANA TOWARD THE US SECTION AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA SECTION. PERHAPS AUTHORS OF CHANGE SHEET INTEND TO INCORPORATE THESE INTERESTS UNDER OTHER MINOR INTERESTS RUBRIC IF THAT IS NOT THE CASE, CT POINTS OUT THAT FORMAT OF THESE REWRITES CONFLICTS WITH THE GUIDELINES AND EXAMPLES UNDER WHICH EMBASSY WAS INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE CASP, AND THAT THEIR ADOPTION BY IG WOULD RESULT IN THESE TWO INTERESTS BEING PRESENTED IN DIFFERENT WAY FROM THE OTHER CASP INTERESTS. CT ALSO NOTES THAT NEW CHANGE SHEET VERSION OF PARA TWO OF FAVORABLE DISPOSITION IS UNGRAMMATICAL.

4. AMBASSADOR APPROVED SUBSTANCE THIS CABLE PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE. MATTHEWS

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